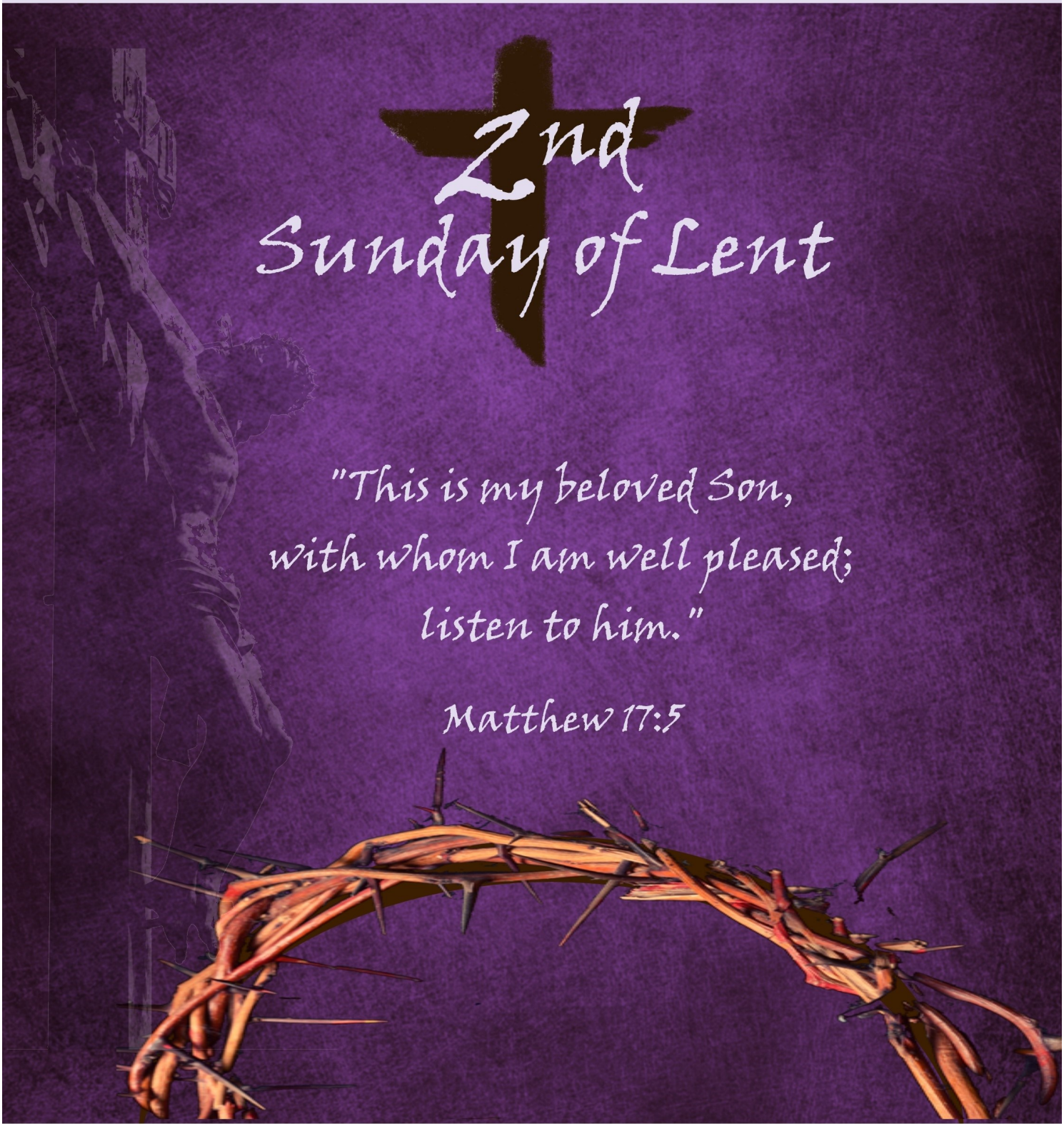
Catholic Parishes of Millbury

St. Brigid & Our Lady of the Assumption



THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF MILLBURY
ST. BRIGID † OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

PARISH OFFICES ARE LOCATED AT:

St. Brigid Parish
59 Main Street, Millbury, MA 01527
Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
(508) 865-6624 • **Fax:** (508) 865-3101
Assumption Parish Phone: (508) 865-2657
St. Vincent de Paul: (774) 262-5506
www.assumptionmillbury.org
www.stbrigidparish.org
Check our websites for individual email addresses.

MASS TIMES

Assumption Church
12 Waters Street
Mon. & Thurs.: 9:00 AM
Tues. & Wed.: 7:00 AM
Sun.: 9:00 AM

St. Brigid Church
59 Main Street
Sat.: 4:00 PM
Sun.: 7:00 AM & 11:00 AM (June - Sept.)
Sun.: 7:00 AM & 11:30 AM (Oct. - May)

PASTORAL & ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Fr. Dan Mulcahy, *Pastor*
Deacon Ron Buron, K.H.S., *Permanent Deacon*
Facilities Manager
Safe Env. Coordinator
Sister Jeanne Richard, S.A.S.V.,
Pastoral Care Ministry
Claudette Belair, *Music Director*
Greg Bernard, *Faith Formation (Gr. K-12)*
Family Ministry
Monica Hamilton McCarthy, *Bulletin & Web Editor**
*Bulletin items must be emailed to catholicparishesofmillbury@gmail.com or monica.hamilton@stbrigidparish.org in the body of the email, or as an attached Word document. Deadline is noon the preceding Thursday. We prioritize parish and local events, space is limited so items may only appear once, and are run on a first-come, first served basis. For ad space, call Pilot Bulletins at 617.779.3771. Monica is in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Ronald Marlborough, *Maintenance Director*
Melissa Turner, *Administrative Assistant, Cantor*

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturdays 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM
or anytime upon request.

Baptism

Baptism Gatherings, to prepare families for the sacrament of Baptism, are held 4 times a year. Baptisms are held each month.
For more information, or to make arrangements, please call the parish offices at (508) 865-6624.

Marriage

Please call the rectory at least one year in advance.

Anointing of the Sick and Communion Calls

Please call the rectory when a parishioner is confined at home, is in the hospital, or placed in a nursing home or hospice. Holy Communion is brought to shut-ins upon request.

How to Reach Us

Members of the staff may be contacted by calling the Parish Offices at (508) 865-6624. The offices are open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM until 3 PM, with a half-hour lunch break beginning at 12:30 PM. If the offices are closed, feel free to leave a voicemail and we will get back to you as soon as we are able.

Assumption School
Millbury, MA
A legacy of learning...a history with heart

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Assumption School
17 Grove St.
Millbury, MA 01527
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Mass Intentions

Sat., Mar. 7
4:00 PM **Peggy Spang**
By: Aline Bourdeau

Sun., Mar. 8
7:00 AM **Gabrielle G. Gaboriault**
By: The Family
9:00 AM **John & Alma Ducharme & Their Deceased Children**
By: The Family
11:30 AM **John & Brone Tamasauskas**
By: Their Daughters & Family

Mon., Mar. 9
9:00 AM **Connor Francis Tronerud**
By: His Parents Jason & Teresa, & His Brother Kyle

Tues., Mar. 10
7:00 AM **The People of the Catholic Parishes of Millbury & St. Jude**
By: A Parishioner

Wed., Mar. 11
7:00 AM **Margaret M. Kunzinger**
By: The Estate

Thurs. Mar. 12
9:00 AM **Lawrence Falcone**
By: Kevin Murnana

Fri. Mar. 13 Stations of the Cross & Mass During Lent
6:30 PM @ OLA **Aurelle Bourdeau & David Bourdeau**
By: The Tronerud Family

Sat., Mar. 14
4:00 PM **Rita Beasley (10th Anniversary)**
By: Her Family

Sun., Mar. 15
7:00 AM **Denis P. Bolduc**
By: The Staff at Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home
9:00 AM **George D'Auteuil, Jr.**
By: His Mother
11:30 AM **John & Brone Tamasauskas**
By: Their Daughters & Family

(N.B. Mass Intentions are handwritten in the official Daily Mass Record Book. Our apologies for any errors or misspelled names.)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 14, 4 PM at St. Brigid

AS: T. Yaz, R. Prue, J. Prue
L: J Hanratty
EM: J Nietupski, H Quan, P Michalak, D Wunn

Sunday, March 15, 7:00 AM at St. Brigid

AS: J. Mazeika
L: J Rogers
EM: N Tabor, J Mazeika

Sunday, March 15, 9:00 AM at Assumption

AS: A Weeks, M Hoban
L: J Hoban
EM: T Tronerud, M Sprino, A Bourdreau, L Flagg

Sunday, March 15, 11:30 AM at St. Brigid

AS: T & F Jakubiak
L: Z. & R. Curnen
EM: P & J Prince

Scripture for the week of March 8, 2020

8	SUN	Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
9	Mon	Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
10	Tue	Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
11	Wed	Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
12	Thu	Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
13	Fri	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
14	Sat	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
15	SUN	Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Lenten Schedule—Save the Dates

Make your Lenten Journey special this year by attending some or all of our special Lenten services:

Fridays Feb. 28-April 3: Fridays in Lent: Stations of the Cross and Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 PM @ Assumption Church

Wednesday, April 1: Penance Service will be held at 6:30 PM @ St. Brigid Church.

Friday, April 3: Tenebrae Service will start at 7:30 PM @ Assumption Church.

Thursday, April 9: Holy Thursday Masses will be celebrated at 1:30 PM @ Assumption and at 7:30 PM @ St. Brigid.

Friday April 10: Good Friday Services will be held at 3 PM at Assumption Church, and the Living Stations of the Cross will be at 7:30 PM @ St. Brigid.

Saturday, April 11: The Holy Saturday Easter Vigil at 7:30 PM @ Assumption Church.

Sunday, April 12: Easter Sunday Masses are their regularly scheduled times Sunday, April 12. Happy Easter!

Lent Began Ash Wednesday, February 26 and Concludes Easter Weekend, Saturday, April 11 & Sunday, April 12.

DIOCESE OF WORCESTER REGULATIONS AND LITURGICAL NOTES FOR LENT 2020

1. GUIDELINES FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE Lenten fast and abstinence regulations for the Diocese of Worcester are as follows: • Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. • Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age but not yet fifty-nine (59) years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. • Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.

See above for a schedule of special Lenten services at St. Brigid & Our Lady of the Assumption

Sanctuary Candles Burning Mar. 7-13

Our Lady of the Assumption
In Loving Memory of
Connor Francis Tronerud
Requested by: His Parents Jason & Teresa & His Brother Kyle

St. Brigid
In Loving Memory of
Karen Ann Courville (1st Anniversary)
Requested by: Her Godmother, Ann

In Loving Memory of
Timothy Guertin
Requested by: The Family

Communion Notice for Cold and Flu Season
At least until after Easter, we will no longer offer the Precious Blood at any Masses, and we encourage a wave or a nod for the Sign of Peace.

Remember in Prayer this Week:

Those who serve in our Military:

Marc Winchester **Emily Weagle**
Patrick Weeks **Denzel Parker**
Andrew Hafferty

Reminder: Forms are available at each parish to add names to the Prayer List or call the rectory at 508-865-6624 with your request. Names will be removed monthly.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER : Prayer Line 508-865-5373
If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayer, call the confidential prayer line listed above.

In Loving Memory

John & Julia Anger
Lee Aubin
Maryann Auger
Jeanne Augustine
Larry F. Army
Albina Bartkus
Edward Bartkus
Arthur G. Boucher
Natalie Bourdeau
Patricia Bourdeau
Sylvio E. Bourdeau
F. Joseph and Mary Brady
Joseph & Rose Cataldo
Frank Cammuso
Philip Chabot, Sr.
Albert and Helen Collette
Pat and Tiff Correia
Donna "Gain" Cournoyer
Karen A. Courville
Roland O. Couture
Arthur "Archie" Cronin
Gerald & Peggy Croteau
George A. D'Auteuil, Jr.
George A. D'Auteuil, Sr.

Kathleen M. DeCillis
Raymond DeRouin
Armand Desorcy
Joseph Dunn
Timothy P. Eckland
Jonathan Favreau
Lois M. Fisher
Gabrielle G. Gaboriault
Joe & Jean Gagliardi
William Gain, Jr.
Bernice Gaudere
Reggie Gauthier
Ruth Gonsorcik
Daniel Guadagnoli
John & Irene Guyan
Robert James (Sam) Guyan
Betty A. Hamilton
Derek Hamilton
Patricia Hamilton
Matthew Hartline
John Huchowski
Paul J. Jandron
Joanne Juskavitch
Joseph V. Kane

Claire Kobel
Richard Kroll
Michael P. Krumsiek
Robert P. LaCrosse, Sr.
Lillian Langevin
Tan Le
Noe R. LeBeau, Sr.
Edward L. Lemoine
Kevin Lemoine
Rita Lemoine
Lorraine Letendre
Mark Lizotte
William and Irene Louis
Leo & Jane Metivier
Kenneth Michalak
Mary B. Mrozinski
Lorraine Mooney
Daniel R. Mulcahy, Sr.
Joseph Noonan
Albert Nikosey
Charles F. O'Connor, Jr.
John P. & Bridget O'Malley
Richard P. Raymond
Virginia Richnick
Stephen Rodwill

Elaine Roy
Darlene Russell
Dorothy Russell
Marshall Russell
Michael W. Russell
William Russell
Albert & June Russo
Bob & Rita Shea
Lucien Sirard
Maureen L. Stacy
C. Richard Stockhaus
Joseph F. Stockwell
James Tabor
Neal R. Thomas
Connor Tronerud
Chester Urban
Robert E. Vaillancourt
Nancy Vaillancourt
Lucille Vecchione
William T. Walsh
Margaret Wendt
Dolores White
Ronald Woodward
Duane & Dolores Wunn
Frank J. Yaz

Would you like to remember a loved one in our Remembrance section? The cost of enrollment will be a $50 donation for the year. Please contact the office (508) 865-6624 to enroll your loved one(s).

This Week

SATURDAY ~ MARCH 7
No Events

SUNDAY ~ MARCH 8
Children's Liturgy of the Word @ OLAC/OLAH 9 AM
Grade 4 Reconciliation Prep Session 1 @ OLAH 10-11:20 AM
Grade 3 Faith Formation @ OLAH 10-11:20 AM
Grades 9 & 10 Faith Formation @ OLAH 6-7:30 PM
SLAA @ CPO 7:30 PM

MONDAY ~ MARCH 9
Associates of the Assumption @ OLAH 7 PM
AA @ SBH 7 PM
GA @ OLAH 8-9:30 PM

TUESDAY ~ MARCH 10
Holy Hour/Confession @ SBC 6-7 PM
OA @ SBH 6:30-8 PM
Choir Rehearsal @ SBC 7 PM

WEDNESDAY ~ MARCH 11
Rosary Makers @ SBH 7 PM

THURSDAY ~ MARCH 12
Rosary @ CPO 6 PM
Girl Scouts @ OLAH 6-7:30 PM
Cub Scouts @ SBH 6-8 PM

FRIDAY ~ MARCH 13
Mass & Stations of the Cross @ OLAC 6:30 PM

SATURDAY ~ MARCH 14
No Events

SUNDAY ~ MARCH 15
Children's Liturgy of the Word @ OLAC/OLAH 9 AM
SVDP Meeting @ CPO 10 AM
Grade 2 Faith Formation @ OLAH 10-11:20 AM
Grade 4 Reconciliation Prep Session 2 @ OLAH 10-11:20 AM
Grades 7 & 8 Faith Formation Lasagna Nite @ OLAH 6-7:30 PM
SLAA @ CPO 7:30 PM

KEY TO LOCATIONS

SBC=St. Brigid Church
SBH=St. Brigid Hall
CPO=Catholic Parish Offices
OLAC=Assumption Church
OLAH=Assumption Hall
OLAS=Assumption School

Spring Dinner March 21 Celebrating the "I"DES of March —Israel, Italy & Ireland

Join the Catholic Parishes of Millbury on Saturday, March 21 for our Spring Dinner after the 4 PM Mass at St. Brigid's Hall. The evening will start with the Seder Meal Celebration, commemorating the beginning of the Passover season. We will then celebrate St. Joseph's Feast Day (March 19) with a traditional Italian meal of lasagna, salad, rolls and pastries. Following the meal, we will celebrate our Irish heritage and St. Patrick's Day (March 17) with traditional Irish and Celtic music by Dublin Down.
Seating is limited. Tickets cost $5 for the event and will be sold after all Masses this weekend and next weekend.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Diocese of Worcester
Catholic Parishes of Millbury
Phone: 774-262-5506

MONTHLY MEETINGS
3rd Sunday - 10:00 AM
The Offices of the
Catholic Parishes of Millbury
New Members Welcome!

PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

Monthly: 1st Weekend
Food Bins are located in the Main Entrance of the Church

All food donations must be dropped off on food drive dates and placed in the large blue bins only, no exceptions. NO Perishables, NO Cleanouts.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

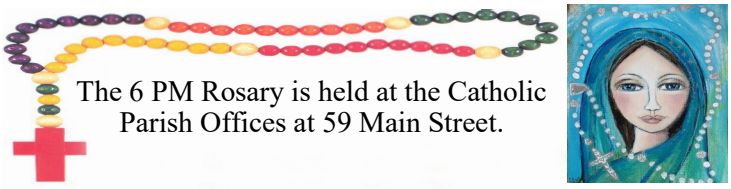
Monthly: 1st Weekend - 12:15 PM
St. Brigid Church Hall

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS LIST

THE PANTRY IS IN NEED OF:
Snacks, Cereal, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Chicken

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT SHOP

Monday thru Saturday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
507 Park Ave., Worcester (508) 752-4232



The 6 PM Rosary is held at the Catholic Parish Offices at 59 Main Street.

ELDERLY AND HOMEBOUND

Transportation available - 4 PM Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Brigid Church. This ministry is sponsored by both parishes utilizing a handi-capable van. Call Deacon Ron (508) 865-6624.

SHUTTLE INFORMATION

Saturday, March 7	**Chris Brady**
Saturday, March 14	**Jan Hanratty**
Saturday, March 21	**Ted Jakubiak**

If you know of a parishioner who is homebound or shut-in, please contact Deacon Ron at (508) 865-6624 to set up a time to receive Communion. If you have a friend or relative who is a member of St. Brigid or Assumption and in a nursing home who would like to be visited and/or receive Communion, please call Deacon Ron at (508) 865-6624. You bringing this to our attention is the only way we can be sure that our parishioners are visited.

Snow Policy: No School/No Mass
For the safety of our parishioners, when school is **canceled or delayed** in Millbury, daily Mass is also canceled.

STEWARDSHIP

OUR CHURCH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH

SECOND COLLECTIONS:
March 8—Debt
March 15—Specialty Ministries

Catholic Parishes of Millbury
Income
Weekend of Feb. 22 & 23

Regular Weekly Collection	$5,660.00
Ordinary Collection Monthly	$12.00
Electronic Giving (Feb. 19-25, 2020)	$395.00
Total Regular Weekly Collection	**$6,067.00**
Other Parish Income:	
Debt *(incl. online when appl.)*	$371.00
Specialty Ministries *(incl. online when appl.)*	$136.00
Utilities *(incl. online when applicable)*	$337.00
Mass Stipends	$0.00
Plumbing Reimbursement	$1074.00
Hall Rental	$123.00
Candles	$10.00
In Remembrance	$100.00
Overpayment Reimbursement	$150.00
SVDP *(incl. online when applicable)*	$0.00
Initial Offering	$10.00
Catholic Free Press	$202.00
Easter Flowers	$105.00
Christmas	$15.00
Total Other Income	**$2,633.00**
Total Income	**$8,700.00**

Thank you for your continued support of The Catholic Parishes of Millbury!

Catholic Parishes of Millbury
Cash Flow
Feb. 21-27, 2020

Payroll (*Week ending 2/22)*	$3,160.13
PayChex, Inc. *(Payroll Processing Fees)*	$151.90
Payroll Taxes	$1,119.01
Credit Card Fees (*Office Expenses*)	$132.06
Aquarion (*Water*)	$790.30
Eversource (*Gas*)	$6,348.18
National Grid (*Electric*)	$1,168.03
SVDP (*Stipends*)	$40.00
KMB IT Consulting (*Computers*)	$665.52
Verizon (*Phones*)	$230.83
Toshiba Financial (*Copier*)	$257.15
Reliable Plumbers (*Hot Water Tank*)	$1,050.00
RC Bishop of Worcester (*Old Debt*)	$2,020.00
RC Bishop of Worcester (*Home Missions*)	$730.20
Total Monies Paid	**$17,863.31**

Partners in Charity
DIOCESE of WORCESTER

Partners in Charity 2020 begins in March with informational presentations beginning next weekend. This year's goals are: St. Brigid: $60,000; and Our Lady of the Assumption: $20,000. Thank you for your generosity!

Adult Faith Formation remaining 2020 dates are:

~~**January 8**~~
~~**January 22**~~
~~**February 12**~~
~~**March 4**~~
March 18
March 25

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Rise, and do not be afraid." Let us not be afraid to live out our Sacrament of Marriage to the fullest. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Mar 13-15 in Duxbury, MA and Apr 18-19 in Brewster, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at https://wwmema.org/.

Word of Life — March 8

"[The Gospel of Life] is therefore meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!"
(The Gospel of Life 5)

Annual Mass For Life

Join us **Tuesday, March 24 at 10 AM** at the **Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester.** Students from our Catholic Schools will be our special guests and the Diocese of Worcester's annual pro-life awards will be presented. Please join us!

Did You Know?

March 25 is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord and marks the 25th anniversary of the papal encyclical Evangelium vitae *(The Gospel of Life),* written by Pope St. John Paul II. This document on the value and inviolability of every human life remains an indispensable source of truth for all people. It reaffirms the "greatness and the inestimable value of human life" (EV 2), and addresses present-day legal, ethical, and moral threats to life, including abortion, artificial reproduction techniques, contraception, capital punishment, euthanasia, sterilization, and suicide. To read this beautiful reflection, visit: https://tinyurl.com/ve9er96. (Excerpt from Evangelium vitae © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)

This month we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the papal encyclical Evangelium vitae *(The Gospel of Life).* This Church teaching on the value and inviolability of every human life remains an indispensable source of truth for all people. Written by Pope St. John Paul II, Evangelium vitae was appropriately given in Rome on the Solemnity of the Annunciation on March 25, 1995. Additional resources for celebrating the 25th anniversary of Evangelium vitae are forthcoming.

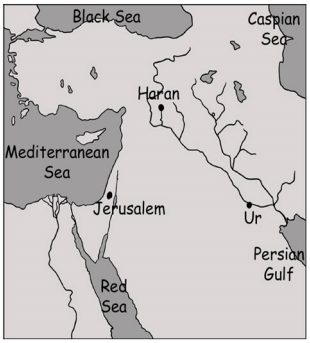
Faith Facts & Fun Activities

Saint of the Week

St. Frances of Rome
Dates: 1384-1440
Feast Day—March 9

This laywoman and foundress, born a Roman aristocrat, married Lorenzo Ponziano when she was 13; they had several children. In 1409, their palazzo was pillaged by Neapolitan soldiers and Lorenzo was exiled for five years, returning home a broken man. He died in 1436. Frances, known for her great charity during epidemics and civil war, organized a ladies society dedicated to self-denial and good works. It became the Oblates of Tor de Specchi, which she directed for her last four years. She is the patron saint of motorists, perhaps because she was guarded for 23 years by an archangel visible only to her. Her last words were: "The angel has finished his work. He is beckoning me to follow." ❖

Faith Facts



The reading from Genesis

Abram lived around 4,000 years ago (around 2,000 BC).

Abram's father had taken his family from a city called Ur to a city called Haran. Haran was in what is now southern Turkey. It was about six hundred miles from Ur. Abram's father died in Haran.

God called Abram to leave Haran and journey to Canaan, to the area we now call the Holy Land. The "great nation" that God promised would spring from Abram was the Jewish people.

God later changed Abram's name to "Abraham," as a sign and confirmation of his great destiny.

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Youth & Family Faith Formation

CSAW 2020

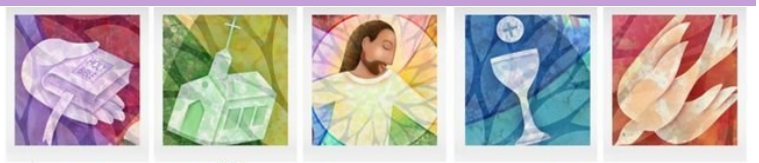
July 27 - 31

Assumption College

Open to Youth Currently in Grades 8-12

$100 Deposit Due April 1st

Christian Servants at Work (aka CSAW) is a 5 day 4 night service learning program for high school age teens. Last year 48 young people from our community participated. It is a great week of serving the Lord and having fun while doing it. Information nights for prospective new participants and parents will be announced soon!
To register for CSAW or for more information, please contact: Greg Bernard at greg.bernard@stbrigidparish.org



Faith Formation

UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

Grade 2	March 15 & 29 10:00-11:20AM
Grade 3 Only	March 8 10:00 - 11:20AM
Grade 4 Only **Reconciliation Preparation**	March 8, 15, 22 10:00-11:20AM
Grades 5 & 6	February 24 March 23 6:00 - 7:30PM
Grades 7 & 8	March 15 6:00-7:30PM
Grade 9 & 10	March 8 & 22 6:00-7:30PM

CLOSE TO HOME

CSAW & PARTNERS IN CHARITY

Last summer two of our CSAW small groups volunteered at Mercy Centre and Pernet Family Health Services. Mercy Centre serves over one hundred adults with developmental disabilities ages eighteen and over in four different programs from the Worcester County extended area Each program fosters growth in building self-esteem, independence, communication skills and encourages interactions with peers and community members. certified home health agency, targets social isolation, lack of resources to meet basic needs, housing instability, risk of abuse and neglect, exposure to violence, risk of developmental delay and school failure, and barriers to access to community services. Pernet and Mercy Centre both receive financial assistance through Partners in Charity!

Assumption School
Millbury, MA
A legacy of learning...a history with heart

Assumption School Fun Activities in Art Class

Assumption Angels

During Catholic Schools Week, the Kindergarten Class and Grade 6 got together and did a fun art project. They made Assumption Angels. It was wonderful to see the older children spending time with the younger children. They all had a great time and did a wonderful job!

Lent 2020 Pastoral Letter

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We began Lent Ash Wednesday with the imposition of ashes and the words, "remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return." We will end Lent with the Easter Triduum and the joyful proclamation "Alleluia…He has been raised from the dead." In between for forty days, through prayer, penance and almsgiving, we prepare ourselves to commemorate joyfully Christ's triumph over sin and death at Easter. Through ongoing conversion we also prepare ourselves that we may share in that triumph in Heaven.

From His birth at Bethlehem to His death and resurrection at Jerusalem, Jesus' entire life on earth was marked by obedience to the Father, cooperation with the Holy Spirit, and selfless love for us.

Our lives have not always been marked by such consistent obedience, selflessness and love. You and I need Lent. It is a blessed season through which we heed God's call to return to Him, grow in holiness, and center our lives on that which is most important. The Catholic faith is the greatest gift we have received. A life lived in accordance with that faith is the greatest gift we can give to God, our families, our communities and the Church. Lent is the time to perfect the gift of our lives to God and one another.

When we have renewed our faith and live our lives in accordance with it, the Easter words "be not afraid," "peace be with you" and "the Lord is truly risen" deepen their meaning, increase their power and infuse our lives with joy and insuperable hope. Such faith has inspired the saints and brightened our world through the ages and can continue to do so today.

I pray that the spiritual discipline of a good Lent may lead you to a deeper faith and a renewed sense of hope for your life and our beloved Church.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Robert J. McManus

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious, or lay person working for the Church, and you need a place to talk about your feelings of betrayal or hurt by the Church, call Judith Audette
Office for Healing and Prevention, (508) 929-4363.
A 24-hour-a-day confidential voicemail is available.

SENIOR CENTER AND LOCAL NEWS

RMV TRANSACTIONS
Every Wednesday 10 AM - 2 PM
We focus on Duplicates/Renewals for License, Registration, Mass I.D. and Placard Cards along with Change of Address! Call us for an appointment! (508) 865-9154

SNAP APPLICATIONS (Food Stamps)

Our appointments are on Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 AM – 2 PM
Call for an appointment & required documentation 508-865-9154

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Upcoming Trips!

FOXWOODS! April 6
The bus leaves the Millbury Senior Center at 7:30AM and returns at 4:45 PM. Cost is $28.

CRUISE AND LUNCHEON ON THE MYSTIQUE June 24
(2 hour cruise) in Middletown, CT. Cost $82 – 9 AM to 6 PM.

DAY TRIP TO PLYMOUTH MA (400 YEAR CELEBRATION) July 21
Lunch at the East Bay Grill (waterfront) Prime Rib or Baked Haddock. Touring downtown Plymouth. $65 – 9 AM to 6 PM.

NEWPORT PLAYHOUSE AND CABARET Oct. 22
"Ghost of a chance." $85 complete.

Call or stop by the Senior Center to reserve your seat!
(508) 865-9154

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

MAHJONG GAME
Every Monday, 12:45 P.M. – 3:35 P.M.

Craft Classes
Wednesdays from 9:30-11 AM

Pastel Dreamers Coloring Classes
Thursdays 10 - 11:30 AM
NO SUPPLIES NEEDED!

Bridge Club
Fridays at 12:30 PM
Call 508-865-9154 for info about any program.

Cribbage Club
Join us every Monday at 1PM
for our Cribbage Club! Have Lunch ahead of time at noon to make it a fun filled day! ***Noon lunch every Monday - Friday. Suggested donation $2.50. Every Friday is special treat day. A 48 hour reservation is required.***

Exercise Classes at the Senior Center

Drop in for any of our ongoing health and wellness classes at the Senior Center. Call 508.865.9154 for information about classes.

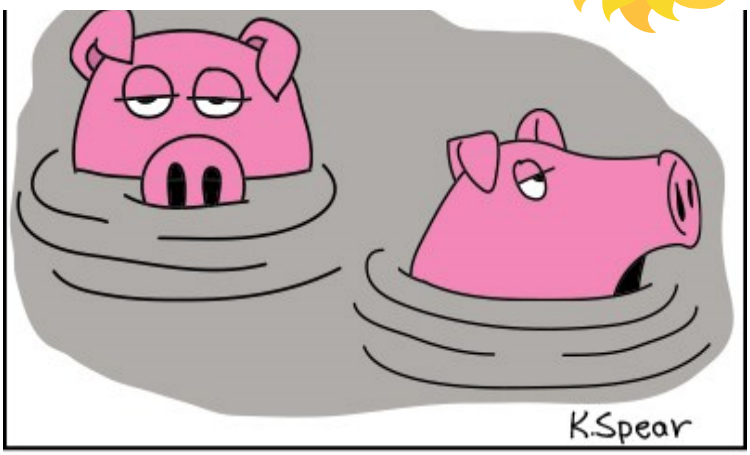
Light Exercise... Mondays & Fridays 9:30-10:15 AM (FREE)
Low Impact

Tai Chi… Tuesdays 9:30 - 10:15 AM ($3)
Great for Balance!

Zumba .. Tuesdays 10:45 -11:30 AM (FREE) Fun Class!

Yoga… Friday 10:30 P.M. - 11:15 A.M. (FREE) **All New!**

YOUR SMILE FOR TODAY



"I feel sorry for that Prodigal Son.
Somebody needs to order him a pizza."

SAVE THE DATES:
2020 Fellowship Committee Events!

MARCH 21—Spring Dinner @ St. Brigid Church Hall, celebrating the "I"DES of March: Israel, Ireland & Italy. See page 5 for details!

APRIL 5— Easter Egg Event @ Our Lady of Assumption Church Hall.

APRIL 19— French Toast Breakfast after all Masses @ both Church Halls.

MAY 2—First Holy Communion.

MAY 3—Second Holy Communion French Toast Breakfast Reception @ Assumption Church Hall after 9 AM Mass. All Are Welcome!

JUN 14—French Toast Breakfast after All Masses at Both Church Halls.

To volunteer or for more information about events and becoming a member of the Fellowship Committee, email Felice at cfelicej@gmail.com.

Millbury Senior Center's MEMORY CAFÉ

Join us for a Memory Café : **Tues., March 24, 2 - 3:30 PM**
A Memory Café is a monthly gathering for people with memory loss/challenges and their care partners. It's a time to socialize, make new friends, and have a good time. Fourth Tuesday of each month, refreshments are served. Outreach worker, Julie Fitzgerald, will answer questions, call to RSVP 508-865-9154!